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To Hospitals and MCOs:

This letter is an update on the Present on Admission (POA) data correction issue for fiscal year 2014 reporting period. During the fall of 2015, Potentially Preventable Complications (PPCs) were re-analyzed because of inaccurate POA values that resulted in a managed care organization (MCO) data management and programming issue, which erroneously re-coded many hospitals' POA data. A previous announcement can be found on the webpage located in the signature of this email.

Since the fall re-analysis, a hospital notified the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) that some discrepancies remain between the data used in the PPC re-analysis and the hospital's internal data. The MCO indicated that all data was corrected and resubmitted. The continued discrepancies suggest the previous re-analysis did not contain all the corrected data resubmitted by the MCO in question. Based on this information, and to ensure accuracy, the PPC/POA analysis will need to be re-analyzed for the second time for the fiscal year 2014 reporting period. HHSC currently is performing data due diligence with several hospitals. Once that is complete and if the accuracy of the data is confirmed, the PPC data will be re-analyzed. The second re-analysis will be complete as soon as possible. Another communication will be sent when HHSC has developed a firm timeline.

Again, any adjustments indicated by the second re-analysis that affects a hospital's scheduled fiscal year 2016 payment reduction for fee-for-service Medicaid will be retroactive to September 1, 2015. Any changes to fiscal year 2016 penalty status resulting from the second re-analysis will be conveyed to the Medicaid claims administrator (TMHP/Accenture) and to MCOs. To reiterate: these corrections only pertain to PPC values.

Thank you for your patience. HHSC is committed to a strong and transparent process to advance quality and patient outcomes.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the email below.

Sincerely,
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HHSC PPE webpage:
http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc_projects/ECI/Potentially-Preventable-Events.shtml